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What kind of Campbell's Kid™ are you?

1.

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PEN
BRAN



4.

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2.

Are you a playful kid?

These Campbell's Kids™ are going out to play sports, but one of them doesn't belong with the group. Can you pick him out?



5.

Are you a careful kid?

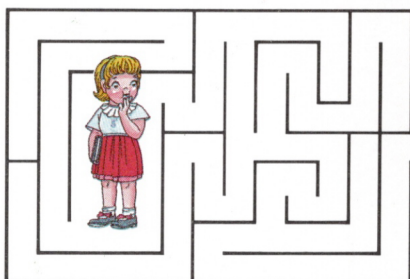
Carefully study this can of Campbell's® Soup and its mirrored reflection. Can you find something wrong with the reflection?



3.

Are you a helpful kid?

Help the Campbell's Kid™ find her way out of the maze and home in time for lunch.



6.

Are you a happy kid?

You will be when you unscramble the letters and discover a delicious part of Campbell's® Alphabet Soup.



ANSWERS

1. CARROT, CORN, PEA, BEAN
2. The kid in the raincoat — he's not dressed for sports.
- 3.
4. It's a chicken.
5. "Campbell's" is not reversed.
6. Meatballs.



Look for more fun and games inside the labels of Campbell's® Kids' Soups.

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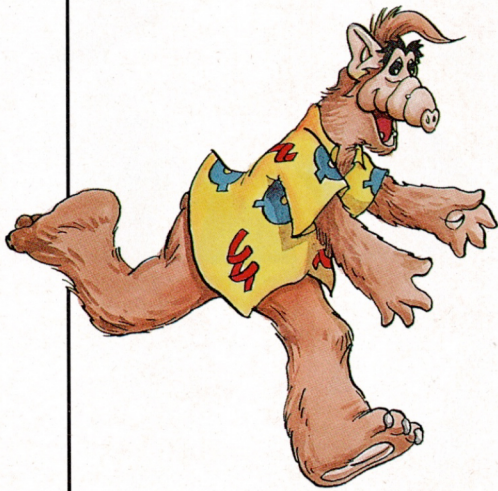
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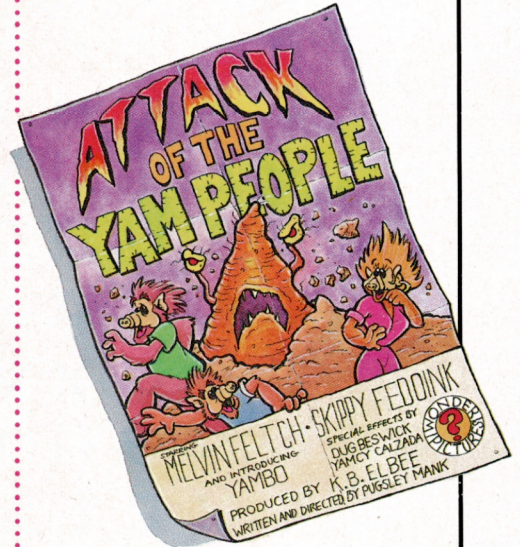
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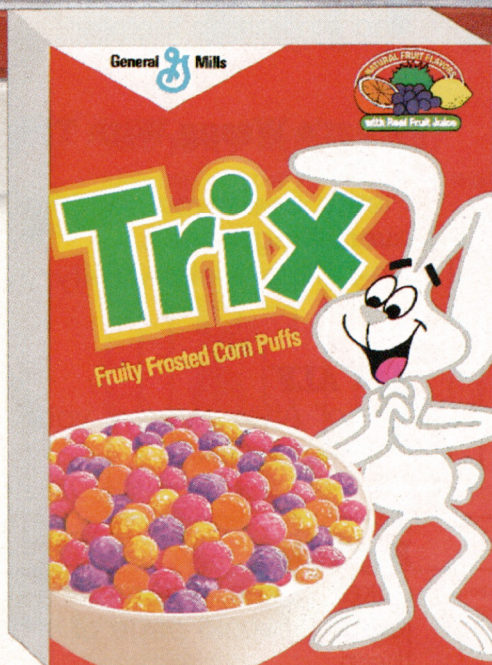
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**Help the rabbit
read the writing
on the wall!**

(CIRCLE THE UNDERLINED WORDS.)

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no wonder Trix are for kids!

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GIMME FOUR!

We're back!

Yes, it's issue number two of *ALF Magazine*, dedicated to keeping you on the cutting edge of the wacky world of the ol' Alfer with more jokes, more chuckles, and more yuks than you can shake a grizzbain at!

As you might have noticed, it's spring. (And it's about time. We've been freezing our ears off.) We've got the whole spring thing covered in this issue: April Fool's Day, the opening of the baseball season, Mother's Day, and Stick Your Face In a Bag of Angry Squirrels Day, when all Melmacians celebrating their 129th birthday shave for the very first time.

And while you're flipping through the magazine, don't forget to look for the word "Bletskamalian." It's been strategically hidden in five places in this issue. (This one doesn't count.) Find all five and write their page numbers on the blank lines below. Then mail the sweepstakes ticket to us before May 29, 1989. We'll throw all the entries into a giant vat of lard—well, we think it's lard—and pick three lucky winners. They'll receive valuable ALF prizes and maybe, just maybe, free tickets to Uncle Stinky's World of Worms in beautiful downtown East Velcro. Winner's names will be printed in the Fall 1989 issue of ALF. Mail your entry to:

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So welcome back, and have another hoot and a half. Counting last issue, that makes four and a half hoots, so far!

ALFectionately,
The Editors

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Name _____

Address _____

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ALF

LETTERS FROM EARTHLINGS

Dear ALF,

I loved ALF Magazine. I tried to make a few of the animal edibles from the Cat-Sup Diner and they were great! My favorite was the Spider Supreme. It looked so good though, I just couldn't eat it. Keep up the good work!

Bonnie Sard
Great Neck, New York

Dear ALF Magazine,

I like ALF's baby sister Augie and his brother Curtis. I wish they would stay at my house with me. Your magazine is really funny!

Alan Robinson
Hollis, Oklahoma

Dear ALF,

Your magazine is the coolest ever! The part about weird pets was the best. I wish I could have a pet llama. Then I'd be even more like Michael Jackson (my hero).

Dave McConnell
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear ALF,

The "Weird Pets" article was gross. I don't know how anyone could ever hold a tarantula. I mean, even though it has fur, it's still a spider and spiders are creepy. Other than that, I thought the magazine was funny.

Derek Brown
Burlington, Vermont

Dear ALF,

I think you are the greatest! Whenever your show's on, I have my friends over to watch and we have an ALF party. It's really fun. Maybe you could come to one in person sometime. My friends would be so excited, and me too!

Jim Wareck
Alexandria, Virginia

Keep in touch. Drop us line. Send your artwork. Send your parents. (Just kidding!) The address is:

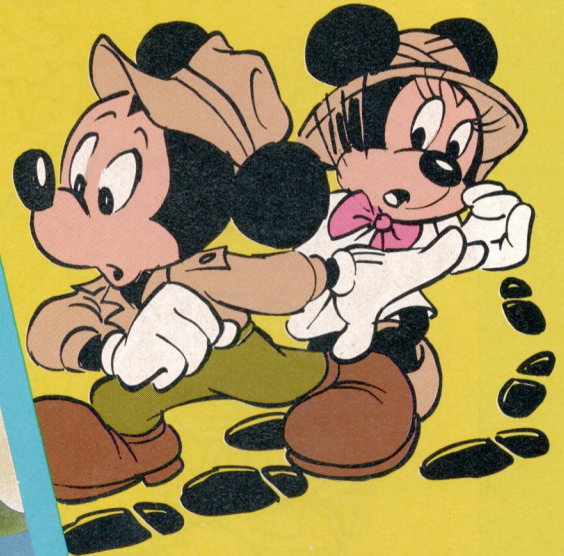
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Though we promise to read all your letters, we're sorry we won't be able to answer each of them individually.

THANKS FOR WRITING!

WOW!

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Gordon and his buddies are looking pretty pale these days.
Zip up this ensemble with some color. And remember, on Melmac,
orange and purple are considered a very fashionable color combo.



BE THERE...



ON THE FAD AND FASHION FRONT

Shoelace Chic

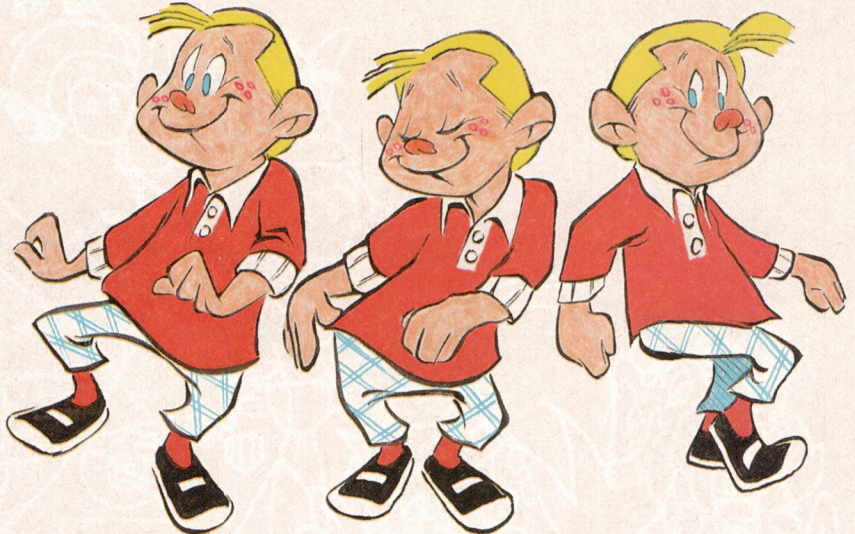
Instead of tying your shoelaces on your shoes, tie them around your ankle. We're "knot" kidding!

The Shoe Must Go On—Wearing the same kind of shoe on both feet is boring! Wear two different shoes. Wear a white one on your left foot and a red one on your right foot. Reverse them the next day.

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

There is a new dance craze sweeping the country. It's called the ALF. It's named after your favorite Melfacian and ours.

That's right, ALF. (Who did you think it was named after? Flo?) Here's how to do it:



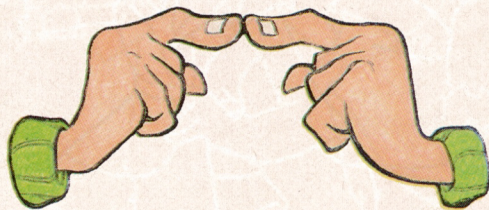
Bend right leg at knee, put weight on ball of foot, lean back.

Extend hands over right leg; bounce twice on that leg; with other leg slightly bent.

Shift weight to opposite side, repeat on that side.

TRY THIS AT LUNCH

Put the tips of your two index fingers together. Hold them in front of your body and press them together hard. Say to a friend, "I bet you your dessert you can't hold my wrists and pull my fingers apart. No jerking or pushing, please." You'll win.



APRIL FOOL JOKE SUGGESTION BOX



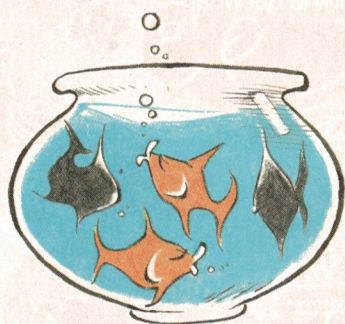
- 1 Wait until the end of the day when all the other kids have used up their April Fool jokes. Then go up to your teacher and say "You have a run in your stocking." It works every time. A word of advice: Don't try this if your teacher is wearing pants.
- 2 Don't answer your friends when they call you by your own name. Tell them you've changed your name to Rick Fusterman.
- 3 Speak Spanish in your French class. Say "Ola! Hoy es el dia de los April Fools!" Then laugh.

OR BE SQUARE

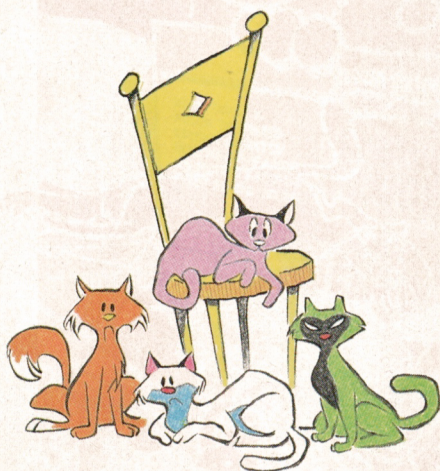
THE OFFICIAL ALF MAGAZINE LIST

Groups of animals have different names. You might think we made these 10 up but we didn't.

- 1 A gaggle of geese
- 2 A charm of goldfish



- 3 A murder of crows
- 4 A pod of whales
- 5 A pride of lions
- 6 A shrewdness of apes
- 7 A clutter of cats



- 8 A skulk of foxes
- 9 A cloud of gnats
- 10 An exultation of larks

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

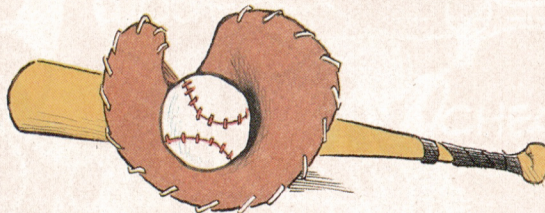
English isn't the only language spring arrives in. Here's how to say spring in 11 other languages.

1 French	printemps	7 Hebrew	aviv
2 Spanish	primavera	8 Japanese	haru
3 German	Fruhling	9 Swahili	miwezi Machi-Juni
4 Dutch	voorjaar	10 Indonesian	musim bunga
5 Russian	vesna	11 Melmajian	ruth
6 Arabic	rabi		



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 3—Baseball season opens



Kilmer 24—Bletskamalian Pigbird Day



May 14—Mother's Day

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

The Story Behind the Date

The 1500's were wild! New Year's Day was celebrated from March 25 until April 1. In 1564, King Charles IX of France moved New Year's Day to January 1. A lot of people didn't want to stop celebrating on April 1. Other people called them April Fish. April Fish became April Fool when it got to England 200 years later.





WHAT'S THE WORD?

Q: According to ALF, what's the best revenge?

A: If you can't beat them, _ _ _ _ _ !

To find out the answer to this riddle, unscramble the six words below. Then write the circled letters on the blank lines. Unscramble those letters too, and you'll find out what ALF likes to do best. *Answers on page 32.*

Hint Box: All the words below are types of cats.

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PALRODE _ ○ _ _ _ _

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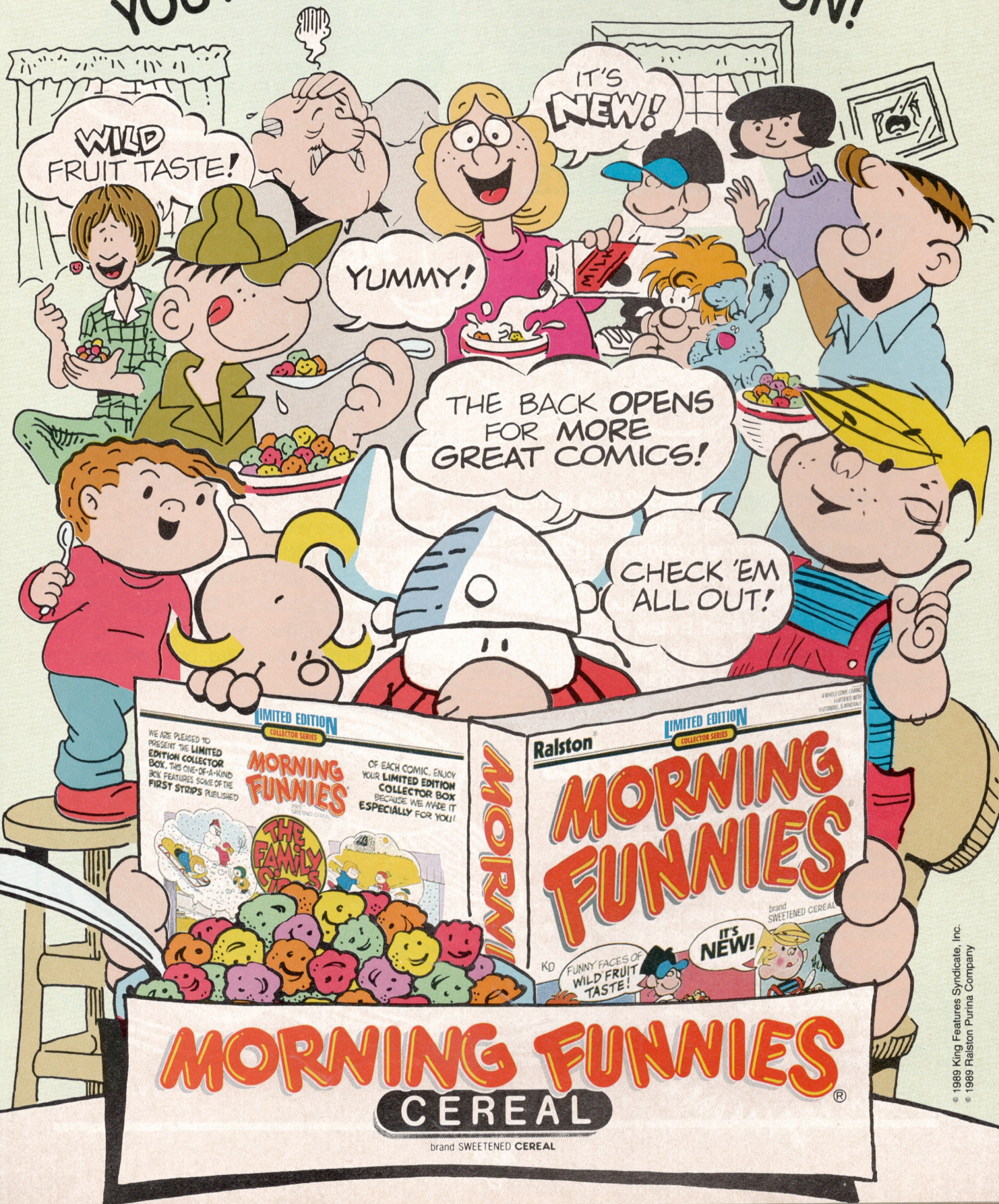
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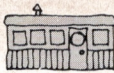
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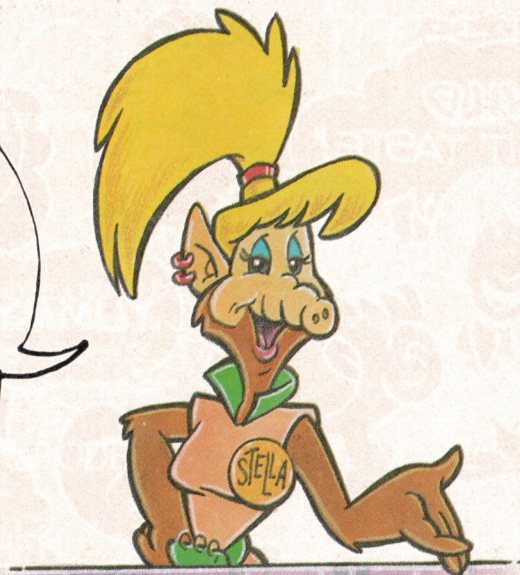
WHEN YOU ASK FOR
MORNING FUNNIES...
YOU'RE ASKING FOR SOME FUN!





WHAT'S COOKING AT THE *Cat-Sup Diner*

**FOOD BLUES,
AND YELLOWS,
AND PURPLES,
AND GREENS!**



Bored with beige breakfasts? Mad at mundane meals? If burnt toast is the zippiest-looking thing on your plate, it's time to add some pizzazz to your meals with a little color.

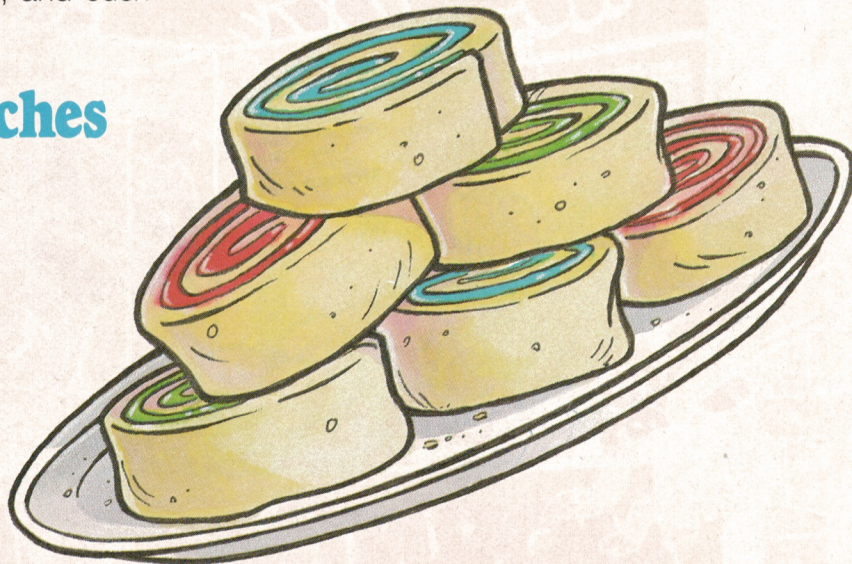
On Melmac, color is extremely important, especially when it comes to food. By law, a square meal on Melmac must include the recommended daily allowance of hot pink, neon orange, and ouch-

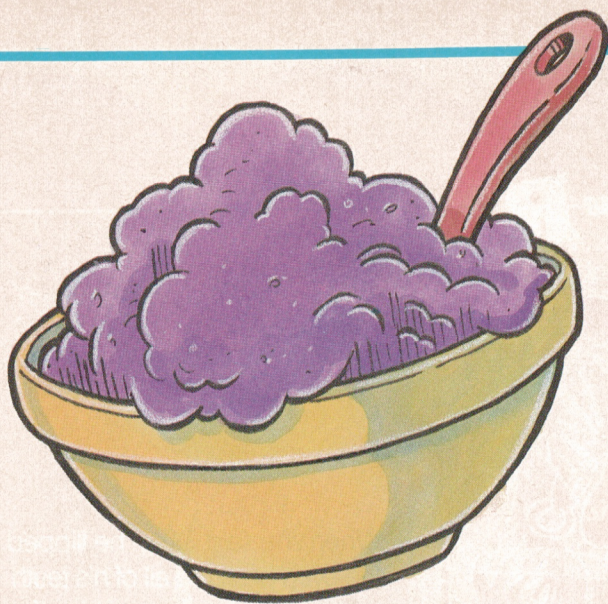
that-hurts-my-eyes yellow.

Unfortunately, most of the ingredients used in Melmacian dishes are unavailable here on Earth. But Stella has concocted a few recipes anyone can make using regular, Earth food coloring. Your colorful cuisine may look weird, but it will taste the same as usual.

Swirly Sandwiches

In a bowl, mix cream cheese with a few drops of blue, red or green coloring. Flatten a piece of white bread with a rolling pin and trim off the crusts. Spread the colored cream cheese on it. Roll up the bread into little logs and fasten with toothpicks. Wrap in plastic and put in the refrigerator for a few hours. Slice each log into three or four round swirls.





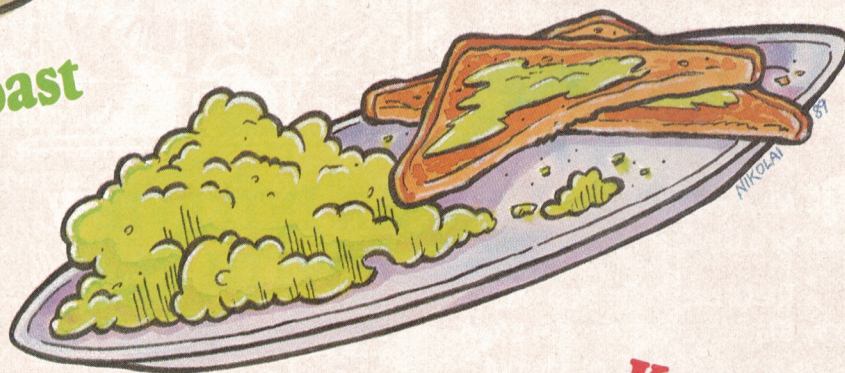
Tinted Taters

When dinner is looking a little drab, add sparkle to your spuds. Put four or five cooked potatoes in a bowl with half a stick of butter and a half a cup of milk. Mash them with a potato masher or whip them with a beater. Before serving, add a few drops of blue and red coloring and mash a little bit more to make a pile of purple potatoes. Dive in!

Green Eggs and Toast

Sam-I-Am's idea of breakfast—green eggs & ham—might not have been so wild after all. Just splash a few drops of green into the eggs before scrambling (forget the ham).

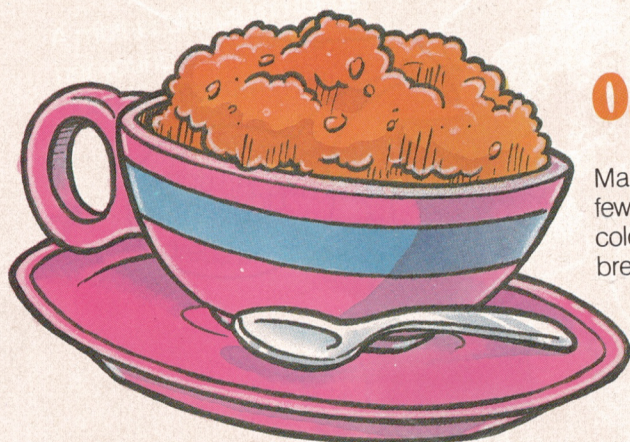
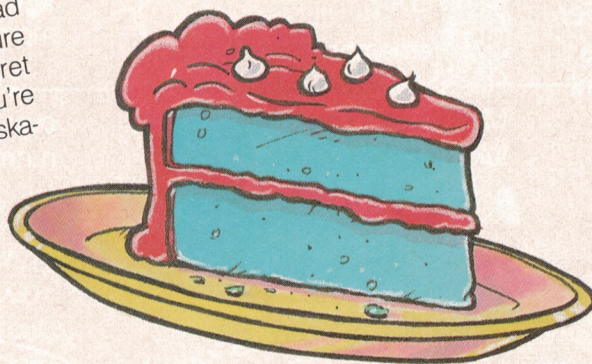
For tinted toast, mush softened butter together with coloring in a bowl and then spread the mixture on toast. Make sure you tell everyone your secret ingredient or they'll think you're serving them a strange Bletska-malian mold experiment.



Kooky Cake

You can make any batter brighter by adding color. When you make batter for white cake, pancakes, waffles or bread, throw in some food coloring. Pink pancakes are a good way to wake up the family.

For a cool patriotic dessert, add blue coloring to white cake and add red coloring to white icing. Then dot some of the plain white icing on top of the red to look like stars.



Oatmeal a L'orange

Make regular oatmeal and add a few drops of red and yellow food coloring to make an eye-opening breakfast.

Color Control

Beware—when you mix too many colors together, you usually end up with an icky brown or black.

WRITTEN BY LIZ DARST

MOM-O-RAMA

As you know, Mother's Day is upon us again. So here are a few words from Gordon's favorite mom, Flo. Or, as he likes to call her, the Flomeister.



AN INTERVIEW WITH FLO

Q: What was your favorite Mother's Day gift from Gordon?

A: That's easy. When he was only 104 years old, he gave a little show in our living room. He put three bowling balls in his mouth and sang "I Only Have Eyes For You" in 28 languages while he breakdanced on a giant rodent. He was so cute. You want to see pictures?

Q: Would you like to tell us a little story about Gordon when he was growing up?

A: I remember his first crush. Her name was Twinkie MacSkullnockers. He wanted to take her to the Junior Prom.

When she said "Yes," he flipped. He even brushed all of his teeth that night. As a show of his affection, he bought her a beautiful bouquet of green onions. She cried. I guess she was really smitten with him, too. Unfortunately, they drifted apart over the years. She now sells inflatable Bletskamalian pigeons. Too bad. They made a cute couple. You want to see pictures?

Q: How do you like being a mom?

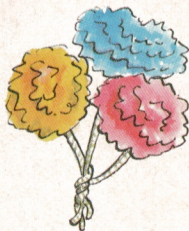
A: Well, it beats being hit over the head with a piece of runny Brie.

FIVE THINGS MOMS ARE LIKELY TO SAY

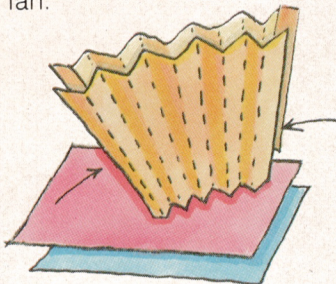


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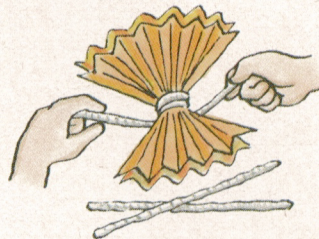
The carnation is the official flower of Mother's Day. Here's one you can make for your mom.



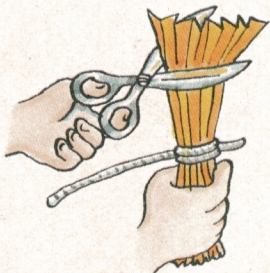
Step 1: Take two or more tissues and fold them into a fan.



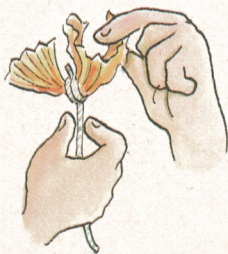
Step 2: Tie a pipe cleaner around the center.



Step 3: Cut the ends with a scissors.



Step 4: Separate all the layers of tissue and fluff the ends around the pipe cleaner.



Step 5: Give it to your mom and say "Happy Mother's Day!"



MOM TRIVIA

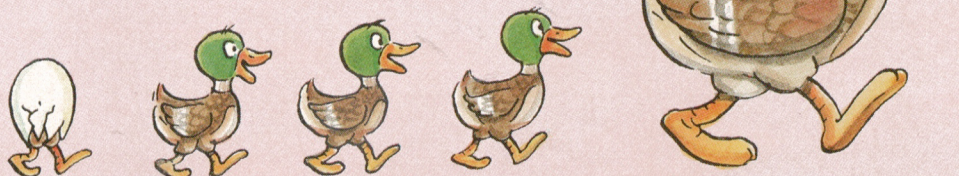
Some mother spiders can have as many as 1,000 babies at one time. Luckily, she doesn't have to diaper them all.

A mother discus fish feeds her young on slime produced by her own skin.

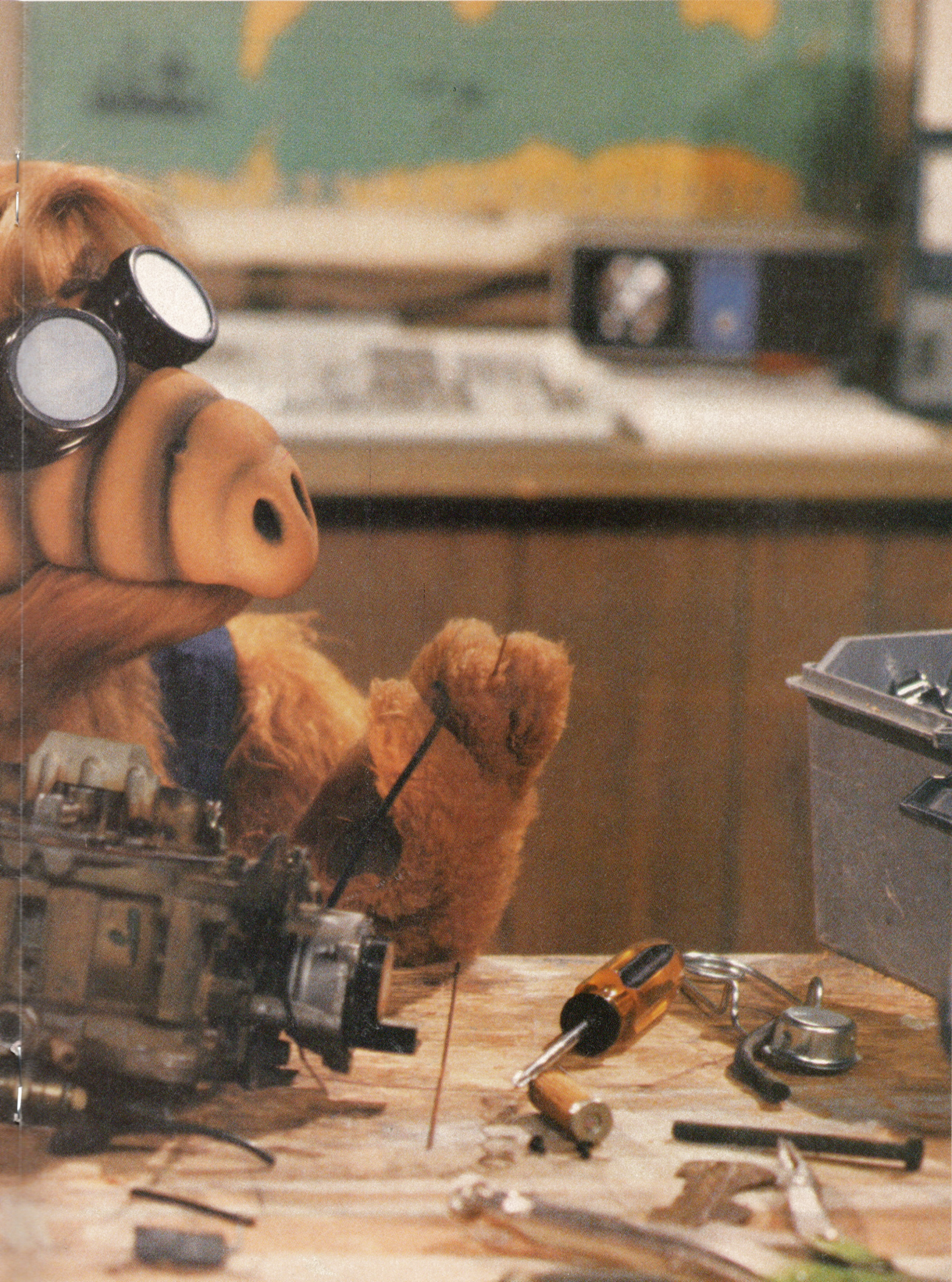
A mother bat can recognize her own babies in a dark cave filled with hundreds of other bat babies.

A baby duck thinks the first thing it sees when it hatches is its mom. It follows its "mom" everywhere. That's called imprinting. Imagine what would happen if the first thing it saw was a school bus.

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in Grafton, West Virginia, in 1908.







THE *Weirdness* OF NATURE

On Melmac, plants can walk, talk, and vote in elections. Some Bletskamalian plants even make the Most Wanted list. But Melmac isn't the only planet with far-out flora. Some of the oddest plants in the universe grow right here on Earth.



EDWARD R. DEGGINGER



D. LYONS

Venus Flytrap

Don't bother feeding a Venus flytrap plant food. This weird plant wants just one thing—meat. To get the meat it needs to survive, the Venus flytrap sets a snare. It drapes its hinged leaves on the ground and waits. When a bug steps on the flytrap leaf, the plant snaps shut like a spring-loaded trap. Once closed, the leaf acts like a stomach, slowly digesting the bug. Lucky for us, the Venus flytrap and its 450 meat-eating plant cousins are too small to eat people.

WRITTEN BY SANDY FRITZ

RONALD F. THOMAS



Creosote Bushes

Creosote bushes have a surefire way of living long lives—they poison the competition. When one of these babies moves into the neighborhood, nearby plants wither and die. Animals that try to eat its small, greasy leaves are poisoned, too. Creosote bushes are not only toxic, they're also tough. They can survive fires, floods, extreme heat, and extreme cold. One especially tough creosote bush in the desert of southern California is the oldest living thing on Earth: It's been alive for 11,500 years—about 164 human lifetimes.

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Lichen

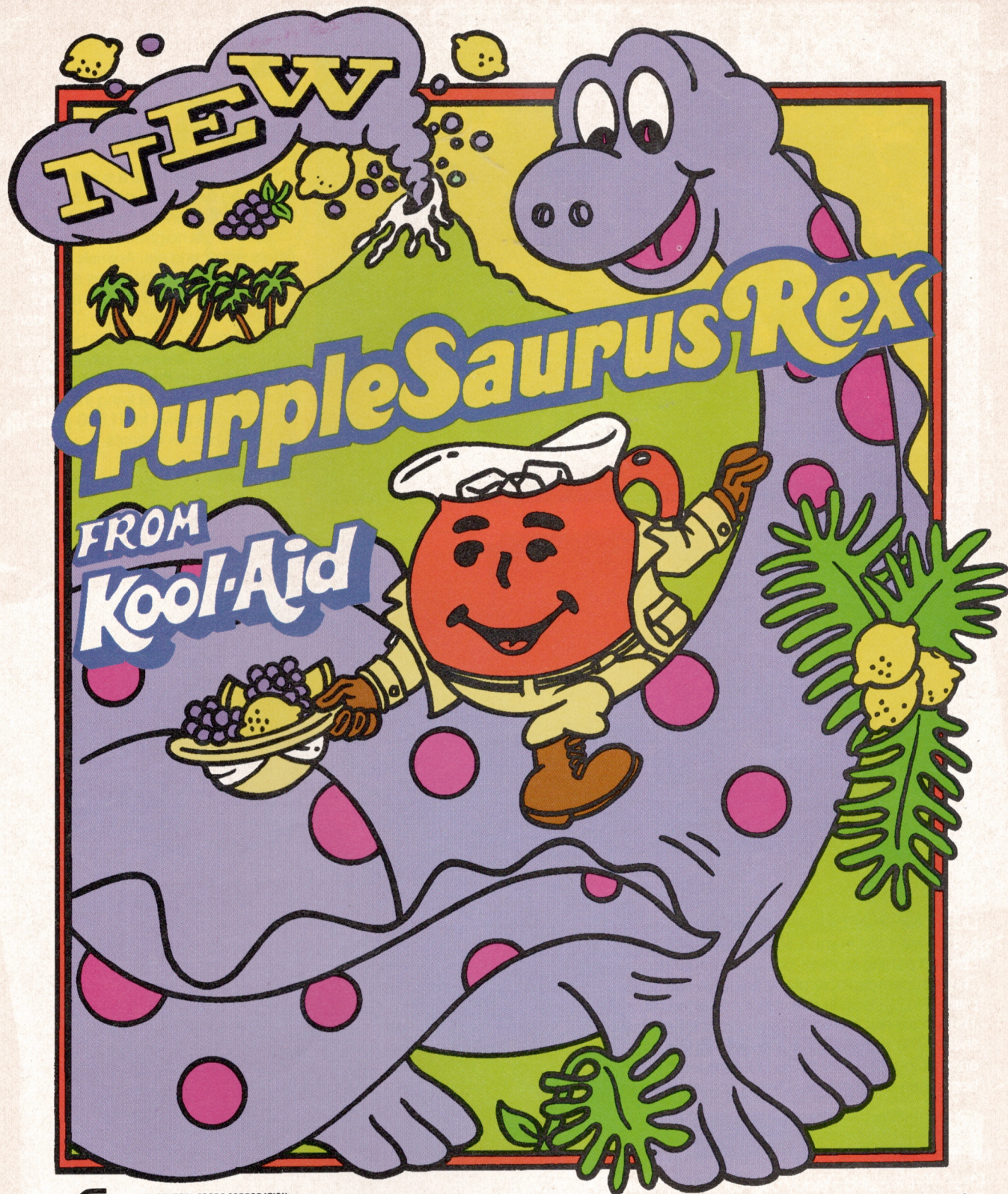
Lichen like it cold. Lichen like it hot. Lichen like it wet. Lichen like it dry. In short, lichen like any place they can find as long as there isn't too much air pollution. These superadaptable plants are really two separate plants wrapped up in one: fungi and algae (AL-jee). The fungus half of a lichen team provides water and shelter. The alga half turns sunlight into food and energy. Together they thrive. But if the team is separated, both algae and fungi die. There's nothing like a lichen.

Teddy Bear Cactus

This plant is called a teddy bear cactus because it looks a little like a teddy bear—soft, fuzzy, and cute. But if you have any ideas about curling up with it when you go to sleep, forget it! The soft-looking “fur” is really some of the sharpest spines produced by any cactus. Once they're planted in your skin, they're especially painful to rip out. Teddy bear cacti are sometimes called “jumping chollas,” because the spines are so sticky they seem to “jump” off the plants and harpoon people who come too close.



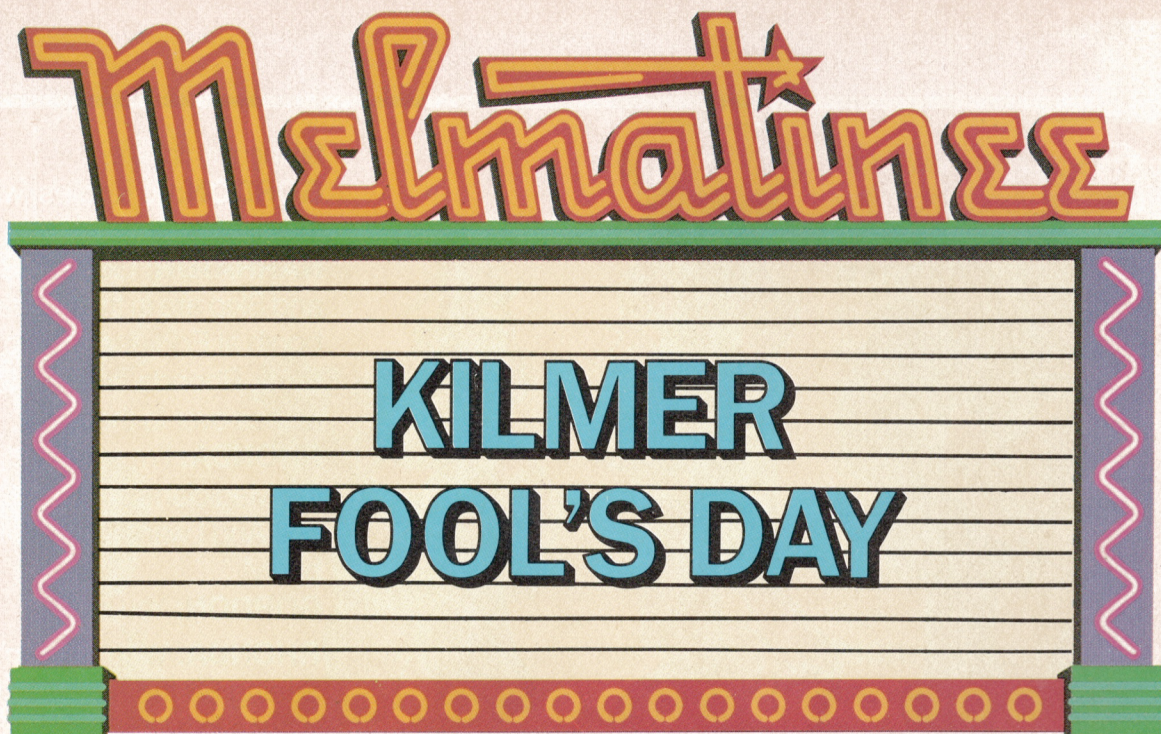
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When you're done, give yourself a hand. You deserve it!

ACT ONE

SETTING: The Shumway living room

NARRATOR: Gordon is about to settle down in front of the TV set with a can of slug nuts. He unscrews the top and a giant snake pops out.

GORDON: Yikes!

NARRATOR: Gordon knows only one person could have done that.

GORDON: Curtis! I've had just about enough of your stupid practical jokes!

NARRATOR: Curtis, Gordon's little brother, comes out from behind the couch.

CURTIS: Kilmer Fool! Kilmer Fool! Aw, c'mon, Gordon. These are official Bill the Magician magic tricks! Did you

STARRING

Gordon
Curtis, his brother
Rick Fusterman,
his friend
Skip, his friend
Rhonda
Flo, his mother
Eddie
Bill the Magician
Narrator

hear he's going to do his annual Kilmer Fool's Day trick right here?

GORDON: In our living room?

CURTIS: No. At the Mellywood Bowl! I can't wait!

GORDON: Who says you're going?

CURTIS: I have to go! I'll die if I don't see Bill the Magician! He's my idol!

GORDON: You've been behaving so badly lately, you don't deserve to go.

NARRATOR: Curtis throws himself at Gordon and hugs his legs.

CURTIS: Oh, pleeeeeease! I'm your loving baby brother. This would mean so much to me. I'll never be a brat again.

GORDON: That I'd like to see. OK, Curtis. If you promise never to short-sheet my bed or put spinach in my tabby-paw pie, I'll take you to the show.

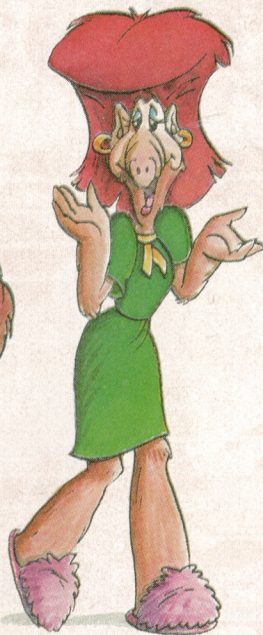
CURTIS: Alright! I'll be so good, you won't even recognize me!

NARRATOR: The next morning, before dawn, Gordon and his friends, Rick and Skip, are standing on line with hundreds of other people waiting to buy tickets for the show.

GORDON: Who'd have



Eddie



Flo



Curtis

believed Bill the Magician, Melmac's only magician, would do his annual Kilmer Fool's trick right here in East Velcro!

RICK: I w-w-wonder what Bill's big trick will be this year?

SKIP: I loved last year's when he pulled a giant linoleum fish three miles with his teeth!

GORDON: My favorite was the year he turned the mayor of Melmac into a Gouda cheese.

SKIP: Yeah. You gotta love the guy. So, Gordo, are you taking Rhonda to the show?

GORDON: She said she was getting her own tickets, but we can all sit together. I'm taking Curtis.

RICK: My two sisters are fighting over who gets my extra ticket.

SKIP: Well, if my aunt can't make it, you can have my extra one. There's nothing scarier than the Fusterman sisters fighting.

GORDON: There's nothing

scarier than the Fusterman sisters, period!

RICK: Hey! The line's moving! Looks like we're going to get our tickets!

NARRATOR: And they do. When Gordon gets home, he finds Curtis waiting anxiously by the door.

CURTIS: Did you get them?

GORDON: Were you good?

CURTIS: I helped Mom with the dishes. I helped Dad fix the car. I cleaned your room and did your laundry. I put on a puppet show for Augie and her friends and I spent quality time with Neep.

GORDON: You had a busy morning. And yes, I did get the tickets...

CURTIS: Hooray!!!

NARRATOR: Curtis dives for the tickets Gordon holds out. Gordon pulls them away just in time. Curtis lands on the floor.

GORDON: ...but I'll just hold on to them until I'm sure the "new" Curtis isn't just a phase.

CURTIS: Where are you

taking my tickets?

GORDON: To Eddie's, where they'll be safe.

NARRATOR: Gordon, Rick, and Skip are in their usual booth at Eddie's Cat-Sup Diner. Rhonda enters and rushes over to them.

RHONDA: I'm so upset! Bill the Magician's show was sold out! And I wanted to see it so badly!

GORDON: You did?

RHONDA: Who wouldn't? Seeing Bill the Magician live is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

GORDON: Hold it, Rhonda. I have an extra ticket.

RHONDA: You do?

RICK: W-w-what about Curtis?

GORDON: Hey, I only promised I'd take him if he was good. We all know Curtis isn't capable of being good for more than a few minutes at a time. Rhonda, you're going to the show with me!

ACT TWO

SETTING: The Shumway living room

NARRATOR: Gordon comes home. Flo greets him.

FLO: Gordon, what did you tell Curtis that has turned him into the model son? He steamed the rugs clean, waxed your car, and matched up the socks for the entire family!

GORDON: You mean he hasn't done anything bratty or childish at all?

FLO: No. My little boy is



Rhonda



Rick



Skip

growing up.

GORDON: Your little boy is going to kill your big boy.

FLO: What?

GORDON: Oh, nothing. I just have to get the old Curtis back so I can take Rhonda to the concert.

NARRATOR: Curtis comes down the stairs.

CURTIS: Look! It's my favorite brother! I hope you don't mind, I organized your closets so your shirts are in alphabetical order by color.

GORDON: Why don't you go out with your friends and get into some mischief?

CURTIS: Not a chance. I'm going to see Bill the Magician.

NARRATOR: The phone rings.

CURTIS: I'll get it. Oh, hi, Rhonda. Yeah, he's here. What? You want to know what time he's picking you up for the Bill the Magician show? I'll check.

NARRATOR: Curtis politely puts the phone down, then

lunges for Gordon's throat.

CURTIS: You lied to me! You told me you were taking me! You're a rotten brother!

GORDON: Hey, Curtis, calm down. It was an honest mistake. Nobody would have believed you could be good for this long. And Rhonda was so upset...

CURTIS: You haven't seen upset yet, Gordon. I'm going to lock myself in my room and never come out... and when I do, I'm going to get my revenge. What do you say to that?

GORDON: Kilmer Fool?

NARRATOR: Gordon goes off to Eddie's Diner. He meets Rhonda, Rick, and Skip there.

GORDON: Hey! Any of you guys got an extra ticket or know where I can get one?

RHONDA: I thought *you* had an extra ticket.

SKIP: He promised Curtis he'd take him.

RHONDA: Then you gave *his* ticket to me? That's terrible. I

don't want to go to any concert with somebody who'd lie to his little brother.

NARRATOR: Rhonda gets up to leave.

GORDON: Rhonda, wait!

RHONDA: Get Curtis a ticket, Gordon.

GORDON (*Turning to Rick and Skip*): Guys, I need one of your tickets.

SKIP: I already gave mine to Rick.

RICK: A-a-and I'm not tangling with my sisters to get it back. They pump iron, you know.

GORDON: It looks like the only way I can save my relationship with Rhonda and protect myself from Curtis's revenge is to make the ultimate sacrifice.

RICK and SKIP: Not that!

GORDON: Yep. I'll give my ticket to Curtis.

RICK: W-w-what a nice brother you turned out to be.

GORDON: I have no choice. Curtis knows how to operate power tools.

ACT THREE

NARRATOR: Everybody is at the Mellywood Bowl for the big show. Everybody, that is, except Gordon. Depressed and alone, he goes to Eddie's Diner. Eddie is the only one working tonight and Gordon figures he'll be the only customer. But he's wrong. There's a strange man sitting at the counter. Gordon sadly sits next to him.

EDDIE: How come you're not at the magic show, Gordon?

GORDON: It's a long, sad story, Eddie. Give me a double cat-fudge sundae to drown my sorrows.

STRANGER: Won't be much of a show tonight, I'm afraid.

GORDON: You're not a big Bill the Magician fan?

STRANGER: Oh, I am. In fact, I *am* Bill the Magician.

GORDON: Yeah, right. And I'm President Goomer!

STRANGER: No, really.

GORDON: Then what are you doing here when you're supposed to be playing the Mellywood Bowl?

BILL: That's my Kilmer Fool's Day trick for this year! They all show up. I don't!

GORDON: That's stupid.

BILL: OK. The truth is, I couldn't think of a trick.

GORDON: But you're a legend! You can't just give up like that. That stadium is full of people who idolize you!

BILL: They'll get over it.

GORDON: My little brother has all your books, all your tricks, all your annoying practical jokes. He was so excited about seeing you, he cleaned his room. He even cleaned my room! You can't let him down!

BILL: Well, there's one trick I've always wanted to do but I need an assistant...

GORDON: I'll do it! Being on stage is much better than being in the audience! What do I have to do?

NARRATOR: Bill and Gordon put their heads together and work out a routine. Meanwhile,

at the stadium...

RHONDA: Where is he? The show should have started an hour ago.

CURTIS: He's just building up the excitement.

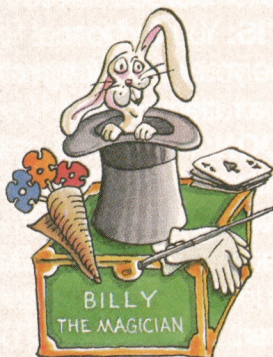
SKIP: It doesn't get more exciting than this.

RICK: Wait! Look up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... Bill the Magician!

NARRATOR: Everyone looks upward as a plane buzzes the packed stadium. The crowd goes wild.

CROWD: Yayyyyyyyyyy!

NARRATOR: The plane



slowly makes its descent and lands on the stage. Bill gets out and is greeted by thunderous applause. **THE CROWD APPLAUDS**

NARRATOR: Then Gordon comes out and bows. But no one knows who he is or what he's doing there...except one person....

CURTIS: Look! It's Gordon!

RHONDA: Where?

CURTIS: On stage with Bill the Magician! Neat!

RICK: It is G-g-gordon! He must know Bill the Magician and just never told us.

CURTIS: Wow! My brother knows Bill the Magician!

NARRATOR: Bill gestures to

quiet the audience so he can make an announcement.

BILL: Fellow, Melmacians, I almost didn't show up tonight because I couldn't think of any more Kilmer Fool's Day tricks. Then I met young Gordon Shumway here and he convinced me that the show must go on. With his help, I will bring you the best Kilmer Fool's Day trick ever. Are you ready, Gordon?

GORDON: Ready. (WHISPERING) What are we doing? You never told me.

BILL (WHISPERING): Trust me. Just lie down on this bench.

NARRATOR: Gordon hesitates, but the crowd cheers him on!

CROWD: Yayyyy!

NARRATOR: He lies down on the bench. Bill covers his body with a box. Only his head sticks out.

BILL: This is my most favorite trick ever and I haven't been able to do it since I lost my last assistant.

GORDON: I'm afraid to ask how that happened.

NARRATOR: Bill the Magician raises a huge saw over the box containing Gordon.

BILL: Ladies and gentlemen, I am about to saw my assistant in half and then reconstruct him and turn him into a slab of Jarlsberg cheese!

CURTIS: Wow!!! That's my brother!!! This is great!!!

GORDON: Help!!! Isn't this the place where you're supposed to say "Kilmer Fool"? ●

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19 THINGS TO DO ON A RAINY DAY ON EARTH



Okay. So it's raining out. Don't whine about it. Try these Earth activities.

- 1** Imagine what it would be like if your ears were as big as an elephant's.
- 2** Dress up your cat.
- 3** Ask your mother if you can borrow her hand mirror. Walk through the house looking only at the ceiling in the mirror. See if you can do it without bumping into any walls or furniture.
- 4** Lefties, draw a picture with your right hand.
- 5** Righties, draw a picture with your left hand.
- 6** Practice signing your name with your foot.
- 7** Get some friends together and perform the Melmatinee.
- 8** Start working on next year's Halloween costume.
- 9** Put all the states in alphabetical order.
- 10** Make a live music video.
- 11** Think of 21 things you want to do before you're 21. Do one of them.
- 12** See how many words you can make out of the word "Bletskamalian."
- 13** Write a letter to a friend using letters and words you cut out of newspapers and magazines.
- 14** Put four crackers in your mouth. Chew. Don't swallow. Try to whistle the ALF theme song.
- 15** Watch TV with the sound off and make up your own dialogue.
- 16** White out the speech bubbles in a comic book and write in your own words.
- 17** Have a "slow" race with your friends. See who can take the longest time to cross the room.
- 18** Do 25 push-ups.
- 19** Try making Stella's recipes.



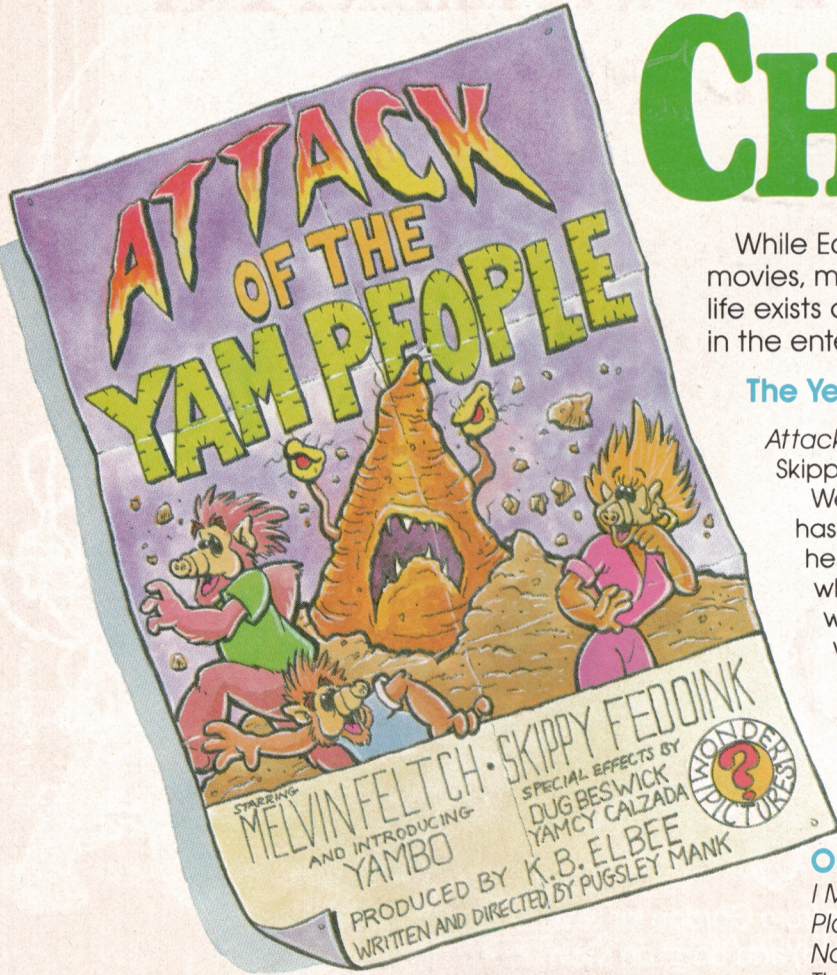
19 THINGS TO DO ON A RAINY DAY ON MELMAC



Here are some suggestions from Gordon for what to do when it's raining cats (Yum!) and dogs on Melmac.

- 1 Spread pudding on a neighbor.
- 2 Imitate a jar of strained beets.
- 3 Measure your teeth.
- 4 Belch at a pet.
- 5 Hide a turnip in one of your parent's dresser drawers.
- 6 Find the insect that most resembles President Goomer.
- 7 Dress up brussels sprouts to look like Aunt Rebecca.
- 8 Laugh at your shoes.
- 9 Stick a piece of seafood on someone named Bob.
- 10 Write a song about cheese spread.
- 11 Climb the living room walls, using your lips as suction cups.
- 12 Huck up a fur ball or two.
- 13 Wax and polish your socks.
- 14 Dance with a wax fruit.
- 15 Eat broccoli with a straw.
- 16 Ignore your breakfast cereal.
- 17 Put a couch in your bathroom.
- 18 Kiss a common house plant.
- 19 Jump in the air three times while eating oatmeal on a stick.

TOP OF THE CHARTS



While Earthlings are always interested in video, movies, music, and books, they seem to forget that life exists on other worlds. Here is a list of what's hot in the entertainment industry on Melmac.

The Year's Hit Movie

Attack of the Yam People starring Melvin Feltch and Skippy Fedoink ★★★★★½

Well, Wonder Pictures [If it's good, it's a Wonder!] has done it again! Director Pugsley Mank has helmed a gripping tale about a farmer [Feltch] who accidentally spills Mexican cheese sauce while weeding out his garden. Soon, he and his wife Gretta [Fedoink], realize that his mistake has taken its toll. The townspeople begin to change into giant yams, which can only be stopped by spreading bean dip on their shorts. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss five bucks good-bye.

Other Films To Watch Out For:

I Married a Twinky from Dade ★★★★★

Planes, Trains, Automobiles and a Guy Named Bart ★★★★★½

The Fish Yawns at Midnight ★★★★★

Stale Beef and Other Things that Remind Me of You ★★★★★¼

Maximum Overbite... Just When You Thought It Was Safe to Go to the Dentist ★★★

Hot Albums

Homer Frizzborn Sings the Blues by Homer Frizzborn and The Nose ★★★★★½

While not as dynamic as his last album, *You Can't Teach an Old Trout How to Tune a Harp with Its Teeth*, Frizzborn's latest three-sided, live album shows us a side of him that can't be captured in the studio. The strongest two tracks, "Tell Me I'm Short" and "Tweek My Radish," have already climbed high on the Top 17¼ list. Frizzborn is at his best because he is leading his old band, The Nose. Turn the lights down low and curl up next to someone you love. (If you can't curl up next to someone you love, strained beets are a good substitute.)

Other Hot Tracks:

"Spoon-feeding a Carp" by Llama Love ★★★★★

"I've Screamed at My Socks Over You" by The Exploding Sheep ★★★★★½

"Love Me or I'll Stomp On Your Pig" by J. R. Figg ★★★★★

"Mustard Makes Me Laugh" by Cranberry Echoeplex Furniture Barn Fist ★★★★★



Popular Books—Fiction

Serve 'em Up by Rickki Roberts ★★★★★

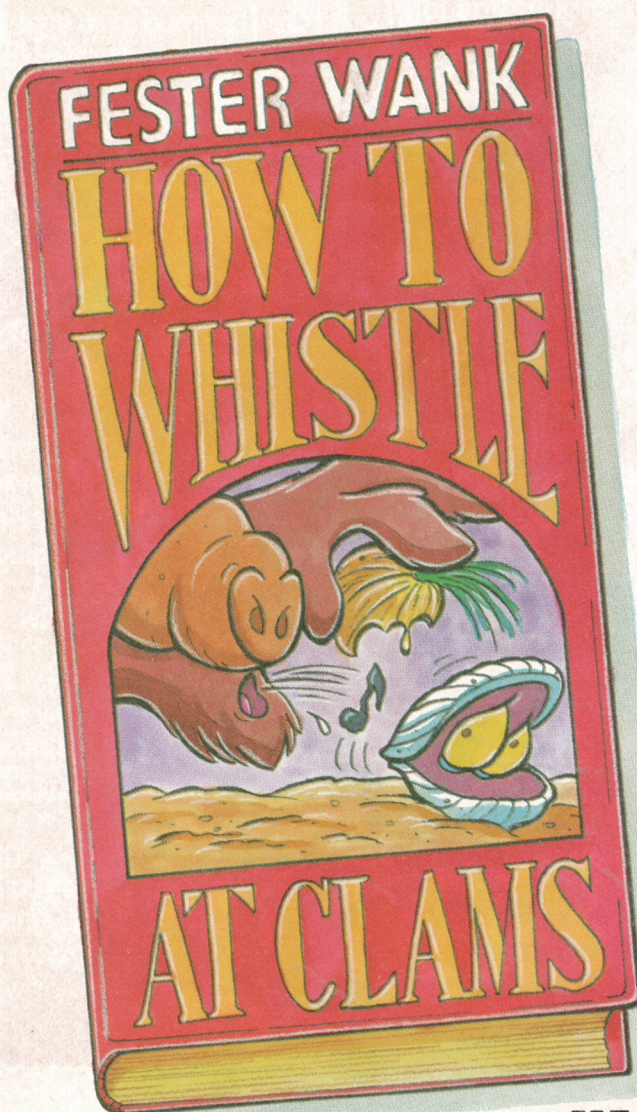
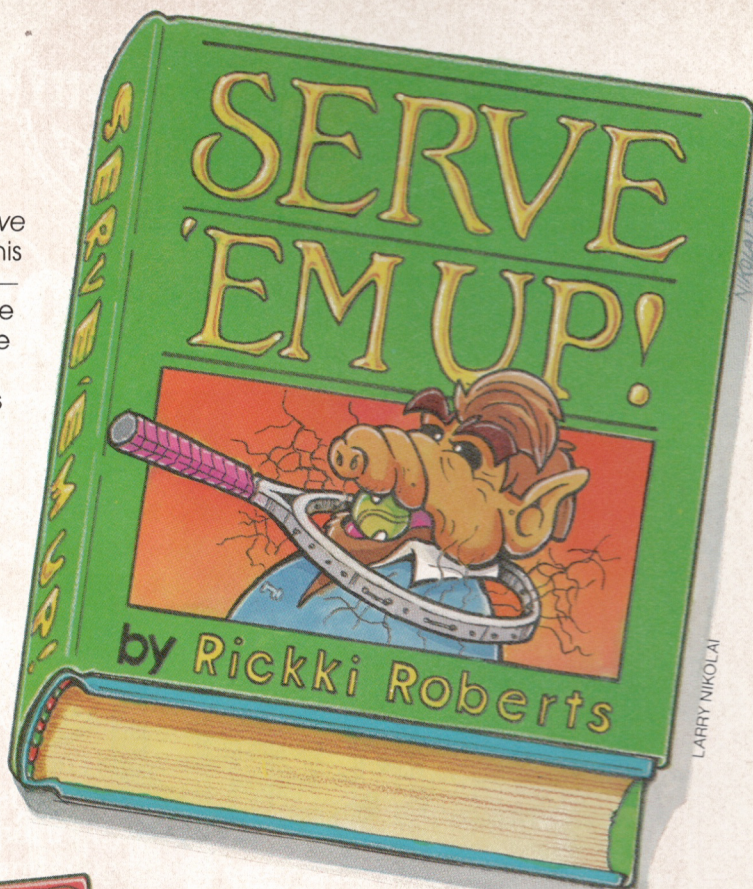
Number one for the past 28 weeks, *Serve 'em Up* traces the roots of the fictional tennis pro, Anck Mooselips from birth—in 1726—until his untimely death at the tender age of 925. The most riveting part comes at the end, when Rickki Roberts proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that Anck Mooselips died after spending fifteen minutes inhaling next to a talent agent.

Other Fiction Best-Sellers:

Laughing at Prune Danish by Winky Futter ★★★★★

The Policewoman Wore a Hat by Wally Wendlehouse ★★★★★

Memories of a Goat Tickler by Goober McFarlane ★★★



Popular Books—Nonfiction

How to Whistle at Clams by Fester Wank ★★★½

The fine art of making noises at seafood is categorized in great detail in *How to Whistle at Clams*. This latest work is far better than Fester Wank's last two books, *How to Belch at Shark* and *How to Yodel at Halibut* because, as we all know, whistling at clams must be taught by trained professionals, who have gone to school specifically to learn this age-old art. We can only hope that in his next book, Fester will finally tackle *How to Giggle at Carp*.

Other Nonfiction Best-Sellers:

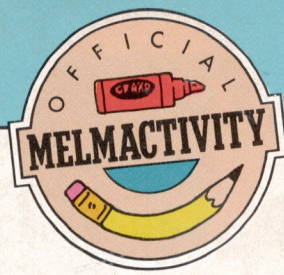
My Life as a Cheese Cruller by E. H. Skullnarps ★★★★★

The Day My Lawn Tractor Winked at Me by Elmo Gritts ★★½

Stand By Your Warts by Jordy Verril ★★★★★¼

I Was a Hit Man for a Bunch of Nasty Dudes by Arnie "the Big Cow" Garlic ★★★

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Holy catfish, is this picture a mess! There are 13 things wrong. Can you find them all?

Answers on page 32.



DICK CUDOR

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DICK CODOR

Q: I'm always the last kid picked for a team in gym. Just because I'm small, doesn't mean I'm not good at sports. Have you got any advice for me?

Brittany Dunham
St. Petersburg, FL

A: Trust me, I know where you're coming from. I was a normal-sized guy on Melmac but since I, uh, bumped into Earth shall we say, I've noticed that I have a slight disadvantage in the height category, too. Fear not! The answer is simple: Just do your best at whatever you do and sooner or later people will look past your height and begin to notice your abilities. Piece o' cake!

Q: I want to ask a girl in the eighth grade out. I'm in the seventh grade. I'm afraid she'll laugh at me. What should I do?

Jamie Nickolaus
Verona, NJ

A: Ah, I see you go for older women, too. Nice move. If you want my honest opinion, go for it! Look at it this way, any person who laughs at you for being honest or showing your true feelings isn't the kind of person you want to date anyway. You might not believe

this—seeing as I'm such a dashing type of guy—but I got laughed at a few times.

It goes away faster than you think. Let her know how you feel. It just might surprise you.

Q: I don't know what to get my mother for Mother's Day. Have you got any suggestions?

Rusty Matthews
Houston, TX



A: If a Porsche 949 is out of the question, try doing her a favor that will make her life easier. Wash the dishes, dust the living room, make her favorite breakfast, etc. Believe me, she'll like that much more than a tie. Or do you give ties on Father's Day? Who can tell on this wacky planet!

Q: My mom is making me take piano lessons. I have to practice scales

while all my friends are at the mall shopping. I hate piano. Did you ever take an instrument on Melmac?

Avi Drucker
Los Angeles, CA

A: I wish I could have taken an instrument, but I had the opposite problem. While all my friends were learning how to play our version of the piano, my parents made me go shopping at the mall. I guess parents are the same wherever you grow up.

Q: I notice you never brush your teeth. Don't you get a lot of cavities?

Janet Glucksman
Jericho, NY

A: You'll also notice I only have four teeth. I've been brushing a lot more lately, so next season I won't be gumming everything I eat. I mean, it looks so gross to gum on television.

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a tiger with a parrot?
**I don't know, but when it talks
you'd better listen!**

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Spotlight**
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arrive on Noah's Ark
in pairs?
**No. The worms
arrived in apples!**
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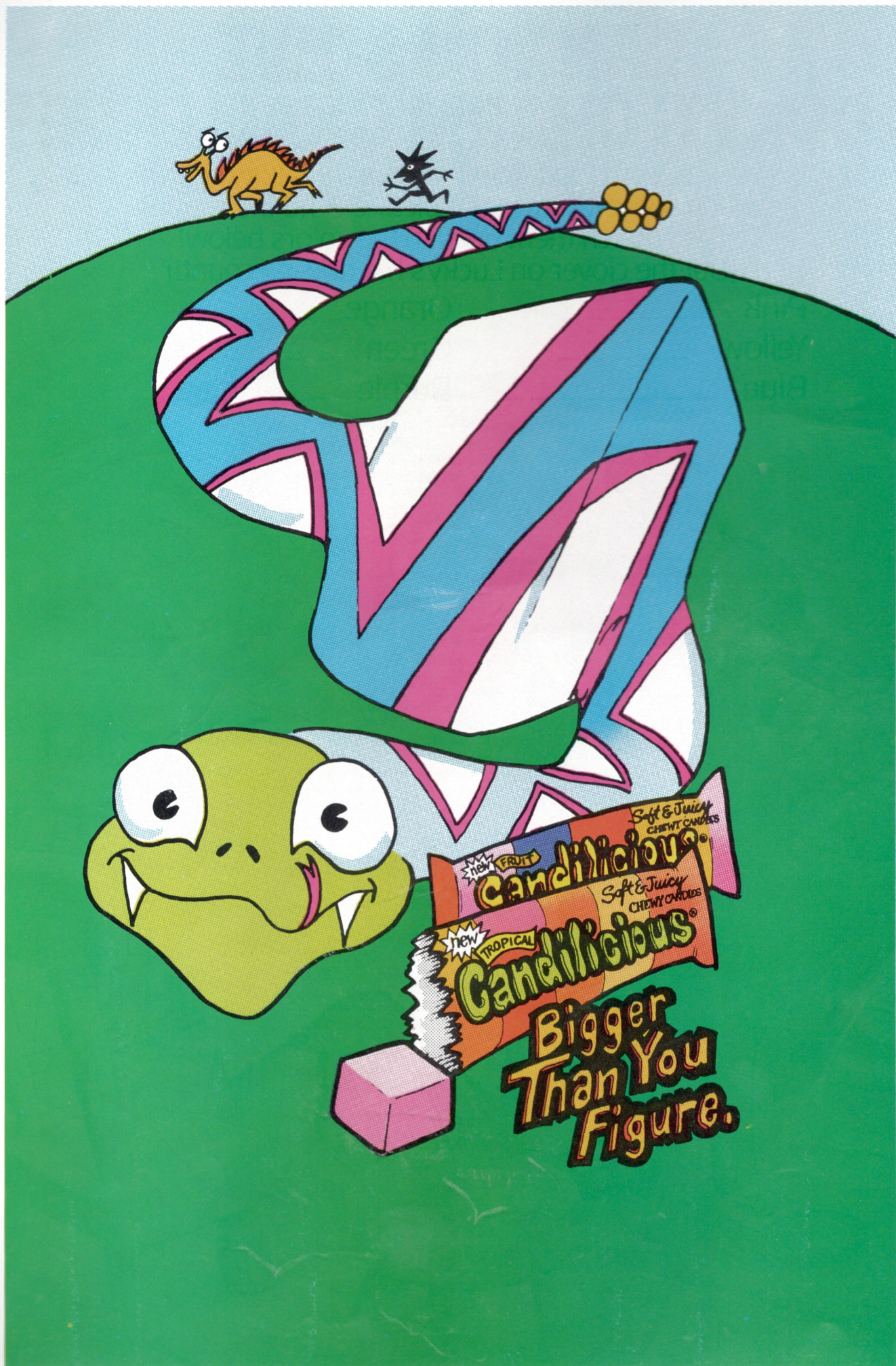
What's the Word? (Page 10)

TIGER
CALICO
TABBY
CHEETAH
LEOPARD
SIAMESE

A: If you can't beat them, eat them!

What's Wrong with this Picture? (Page 30)

1. A dog is driving the car.
2. The dog is saying "Meow".
3. ALF is holding hands with a cat.
4. ALF is wearing two different sneakers.
5. Three birds are flying upside down.
6. The car has square wheels.
7. The dog and the person are both driving the same car, but in different directions.
8. The numbers on the clock are in the wrong places.
9. ALF is carrying an umbrella, but the sun is shining where he's walking.
10. It's raining in another part of the picture.
11. A girl is waterskiing behind a car.
12. The picture on the TV screen is upside down.
13. The door of the house is on the second floor.



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Lucky needs help finding six marshmallow charms
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Yellow _____

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